IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of controlling temperature at a fuel reformer to reach a target temperature, comprising:

sensing ~~said~~ operating temperature at ~~said~~ the fuel reformer; ~~and~~

adding a first air at a first temperature to ~~said~~ the fuel reformer; and

adding a second air at a second temperature different from the first temperature to the fuel reformer;

wherein the quantities of first air and second air added to the fuel reformer are adjusted so as to produce said target temperature at the reformer.

2. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 1, wherein said operating temperature is sensed at an inlet of said fuel reformer.

3. (Original) A method in Claim 1, comprising heating said first air upstream from said fuel reformer to form a heated air.

4. (Original) A method in Claim 3, comprising burning a fuel to heat said first air.

5. (Original) A method in Claim 3, comprising heating said first air with an electrical heating device.

6. (Original) A method in Claim 3, comprising heating said first air by thermal exchange.

7. (Original) A method in Claim 6, further comprising radiatively heating said first air with heat from a fuel cell stack.

8. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 3, ~~comprising adding a~~ wherein said second air ~~that~~ is cooler than said heated air.

9. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 3, comprising mixing ~~a sufficient amount of~~ said heated air with a fuel upstream from an inlet of said fuel reformer to form a mixed stream.

10. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 9, ~~comprising adding a~~ wherein said second air ~~that~~ is cooler than said mixed stream.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) A method in Claim 1, further comprising purging a reformer zone.

13. (Currently amended) A method of controlling temperature at a fuel reformer to reach a target temperature comprising:

sensing ~~said~~ operating temperature at an inlet of said fuel reformer;

heating a first air upstream from said fuel reformer to form a heated air;

mixing said heated air with a second air at a temperature different from said heated air to form a blended air;

mixing said ~~heated~~ blended air with a fuel ~~upstream from said fuel reformer~~ to form a mixed stream; and

adding said mixed stream to said fuel reformer.

14. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 13, wherein ~~said heating~~ said first air is heated by burning a fuel.

15. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 13, ~~comprising heating~~ wherein said first air is heated by an electrical heating device.

16. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 13, wherein said ~~heating said~~ first air is heated by thermal exchange.

17. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 16, ~~further comprising radiatively heating~~ wherein said first air is radiatively heated by thermal exchange with heat from a fuel cell stack.

18. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 13, ~~comprising adding a~~ wherein said second air ~~that~~ is cooler than said heated air.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method in Claim 13, further comprising purging a reformer zone.

22-40 (Canceled)